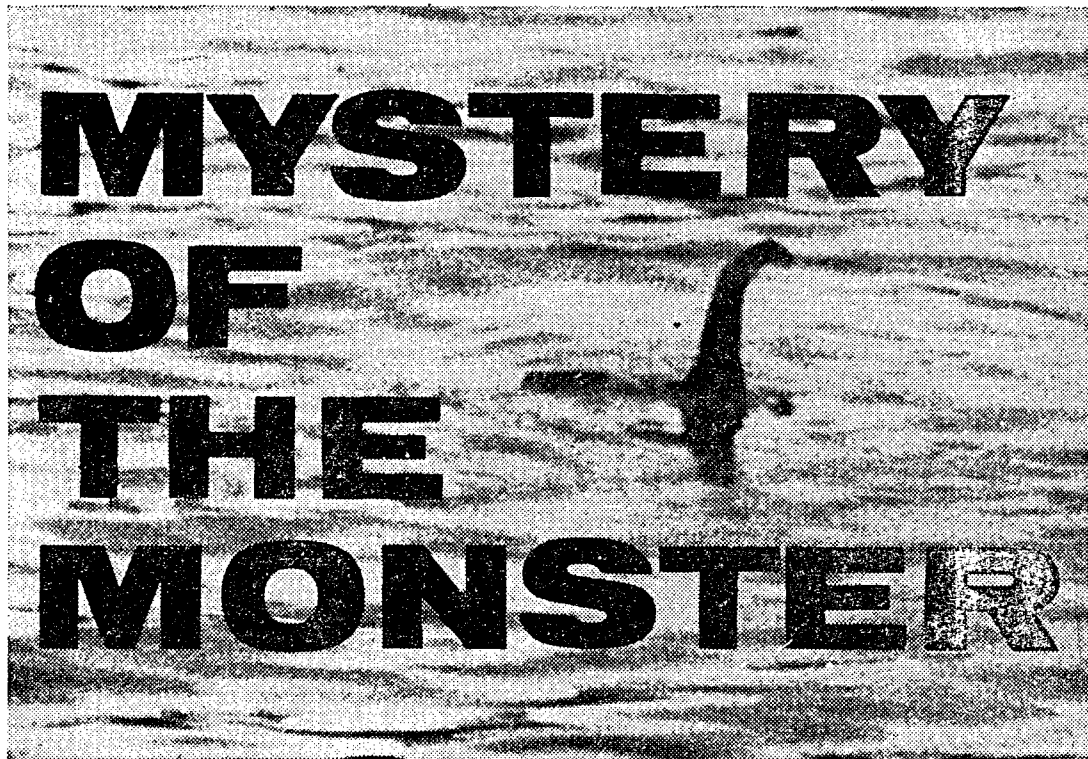


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LAST October, Mr. David James, M.P., led an expedition to Inverness-shire in an attempt to solve a mystery which has almost become part of our folklore—the mystery of the Loch Ness monster. The evidence he obtained of its possible existence was enough for him to plan another expedition, which will be setting off for the loch later this year.

When did the legend of the Loch Ness monster begin?

Although the first record of its alleged existence goes back fourteen hundred years it was not until 1933 that reports came flooding in from people who claimed to have seen the monster. Its existence seemed so certain then that the Scottish Secretary of State gave it semi-recognition by forbidding any attacks on it.

Strange pedestrian

What of all these reports from the people who claim to have seen the monster? Well, they number more than 2,000, and they include statements from lawyers, priests, physicians, and university lecturers, so they cannot be lightly dismissed.

Some of the "spotters" have seen the monster under the most dramatic circumstances.

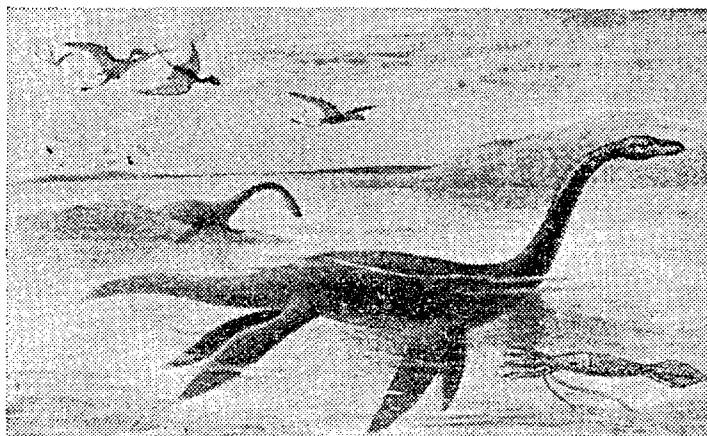
One man, Mr. George Spicer, a company director, was driving his car by the side of the loch when he suddenly saw the monster on the road in front of him. He accelerated, but before he could reach it, the monster had slithered into the loch. Mr. Spicer described it as being

five feet high and as long as the width of the road.

Another man said he had seen it in the loch, travelling level with his car, and keeping

surface for a few minutes after their mooring cables have rusted through, and then sink. Floating logs, river flotsam, and motor boats have also been blamed for creating the illusion that there is a monster in the loch.

If the monster really does exist, what is it like? Most of the photographs and descriptions seem to fit the plesiosaurus, a long-necked marine creature, supposedly extinct for millions of years. But how did it get there? The most likely theory



An artist's impression of the plesiosaurus.

up with him all the time. He was doing 30 miles an hour!

Fact—or imagination?

Various explanations have been put forward about the monster. Some naval men have said that what people have really seen are dummy mines sunk in the loch in the First World War. These mines

is that its ancestors were stranded in the loch when the land masses rose suddenly at the end of the Ice Age.

Perhaps we shall never find out if the monster exists. On the other hand, Mr. David James's second expedition may solve the mystery.

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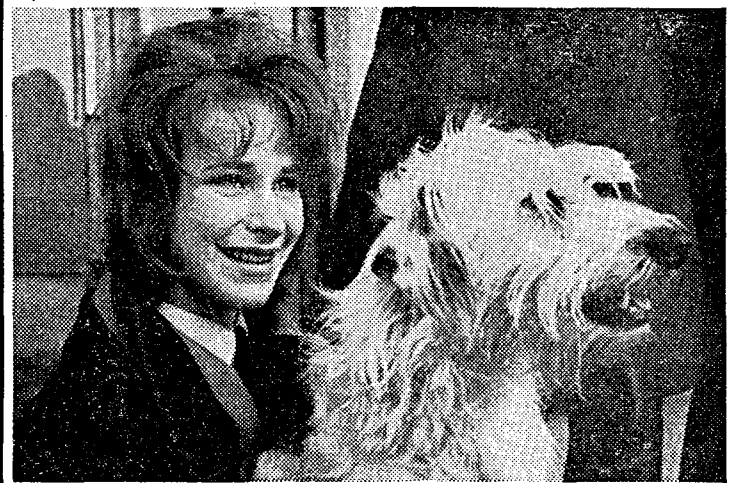
MARY HAS A LITTLE DOG

And she's happy again

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Mary Maverley of Southborough, Kent, was unhappy and her school work suffered after her pet dog died. But now Mary is happy again.

Four of her classmates presented her with a lovable, shaggy-haired pup to take the place of the dog she lost. Her new pet is a six-months-old mongrel dog named Butch, who first introduced himself when

he bounded across the playground of the Bennett Memorial School in Tunbridge Wells, where Mary is a pupil. Afterwards, there was an official presentation in front of all the pupils and teachers.



Modern PENNY-FARTHING

HERE'S ten-year-old Sean Cooper of Stockport going for a spin on a new toy made to an old design—a half scale penny-farthing. The bike has a rear brake, and also a safety lock on the front wheel to prevent the rider from going over the handlebars, if he should make a sudden stop.



Readers' Letters

Riaz calling from Karachi!

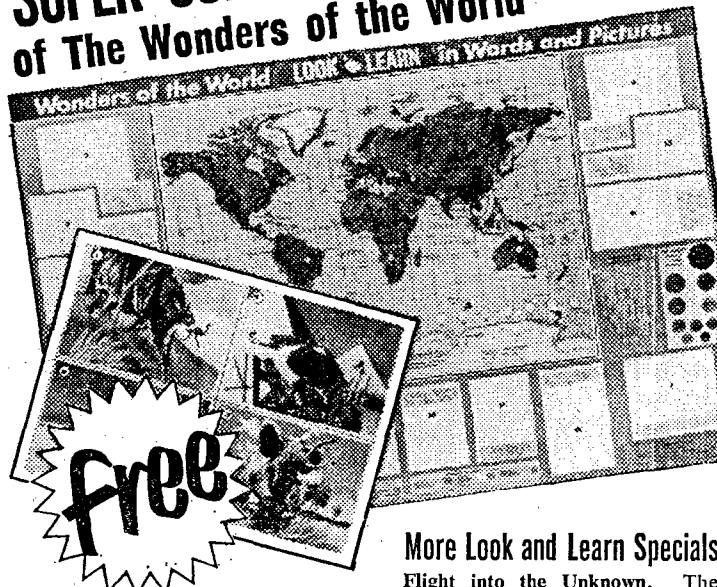


Camel-drawn vehicles and modern office buildings in Karachi, capital of Pakistan.

Dear Sir,—I am a boy of 14. I am studying in Class VIII of an English school in Karachi. I want to correspond with pen-pals all over the world.

My hobbies are stamp-collecting, First-day covers, and postcards. Riaz Ahmed, 6 K.B. Ahmed Mansion, Haji Yousuf H. Nabi Bux Road, Ramswami, Karachi, West Pakistan.

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Why don't you write to me this week? (The Editor, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4)

A Fife Idea

Dear Sir,—I would like to tell you of the Kirkcaldy Museum Club and of its activities. It is the only club of its kind in Britain. Our membership is nearly 100, with ages from eight upwards.

It meets every Saturday morning under the supervision of Mr. William Hood. We have formed ourselves into groups, where we can study our own interests. The subjects are widely varied—Birds, Marine Life, Antiquities, Geology, Modelling, Philately.

Nearly every week we have very interesting lectures or lantern slides. In the summer we have excursions to the Fife coast.

John Rawlinson, Kirkcaldy.

Clive of India—And Market Drayton

Dear Sir,—I go to Market Drayton Grammar School. Robert Clive, the famous soldier, used to go to this school. In our school library there is a desk top and on it is carved R. CLIVE.

Judith Ann Barnett (12), Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Matchbox labels

Dear Sir,—I would like to start collecting matchbox labels. Please will anybody who could give some advice, or even give me some labels to start off with, write to me.

N. C. Francis, Bisley Rectory, Clews Lane, near Woking, Surrey.

To Burn—or Not to Burn?



An insurance company's plaque of 1711. The number is that of the householder's policy.

Dear Sir,—Our house was built in 1712 and on the front of it there is a Sun Insurance plaque. In those days, if your house caught fire, the fire brigade which arrived looked at the plaque. This showed if your insurance company contributed to the cost of the fire brigade. If so, they would put the fire out; if not, they left the house to burn.

Simon J. Caudwell (9), Sutton Wick House, Abingdon, Berks.

KNOW YOUR NEWS

SAYING WHAT WE THINK!

By our Special Correspondent

EUROPEANS take a lot of convincing that Britain's radio and television services are free from Government control. Only the other day, for example, they seized on the strange affair of Monsieur Bidault in an attempt to prove their case.

M. Georges Bidault is the 63-year-old former Prime Minister of France. In the last war he was a leader of the French Underground Resistance. Then he became leader of the Secret Army Organisation—the OAS. The OAS is pledged to overthrow President de Gaulle of France, and M. Bidault was

made the mistake of jumping to the conclusion that the British Government had ordered the BBC to issue the Bidault interview.

This was certainly not the case. The BBC is not controlled by the Government. Because it is run on the taxpayers' money, it is answerable to Parliament for its broad general policy, but not for its day-to-day choice of programmes.

Radio and television broadcasting in this country are basically free. And this freedom has been inherited from the famous freedom of our Press.

What is this "Freedom of the Press"?

It is not just the newspapers' freedom to report what news and express what views they like. It is also our freedom to write or say what we feel,



Monsieur Georges Bidault

therefore branded a traitor and exiled.

Last January he came to Britain, and it was then that an interview with him was filmed for the BBC's famous current-affairs programme, *Panorama*.

As a matter of courtesy, the BBC told the Government about this and, as relations with France were delicate at that time—it was touch-and-go whether Britain would join the Common Market—the Government asked the BBC to hold up the film.

Then, when the Common Market talks failed, the Director-General of the BBC, Mr. Carleton Greene, agreed that the interview should be shown to the public.

This resulted in a good deal of fuss. The French in particular were annoyed. This was natural enough, but they



Mr. Carleton Greene

without fear of victimisation.

Our freedom to say what we like, on the air, in the papers, or just to each other, is one that many countries do not have, even nowadays. It is a freedom that we in this country have guarded for hundreds of years, because it is so vitally important to a free society.

NORTHUMBERLAND INVADED!

A killer plant from the other side of the world is causing great concern to farmers and naturalists in Northumberland.

It is the New Zealand burr, probably imported by accident in cattle food. On Holy Island, off the coast, it has become well established. The burr grows thickly close to the ground and soon chokes off any other plants growing near it. Naturalists are worried for the fate of the wild

orchids which flourish in various parts of the island. The burrs also collect under the wings of small birds and around their legs, so that they are unable to seek food and often die of starvation.

The National Trust controls the island, and has consulted the New Zealand Department of Agriculture about a suitable method to control the burr without harming the other plants.

CN "Newshound" John Parker, 129 Brighton Grove, Newcastle 4.

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PETS' CORNER

BY KATHARINE TOTTENHAM

YOUR TADPOLES

Written specially for CN

TADPOLES may not be considered as pets in the accepted sense, yet their care in captivity is both interesting and difficult enough to make success a real achievement.

Toads deposit spawn in strings, and frogs in masses. Both kinds of eggs are enclosed in a protective covering of jelly. If you find the tadpoles after hatching, then those of toads can be recognised as small and dark brown in colour with round-tipped tails, while frog tadpoles are speckled, larger, and have pointed tips to their tails.

It is always tempting to collect more tadpoles than can be managed in a small aquarium, but for any hope of success the maximum number should be a dozen. An aquarium is the ideal container for these creatures, but failing this a battery jar or large fish-bowl will do for five or six specimens.

The point to remember is that at this stage of their lives the young of frogs and toads are gill-

welcomes these growths and sites an aquarium for tadpoles so that it gets maximum light.

A word of warning. Sunlight encourages healthy cultures of algae, but if too much sun warms the water, then disaster will follow because the oxygen level will be reduced. This will result in stagnation, which poisons the water and kills the creatures living in it.

A little meat feast is a help in diet

While greenstuff forms the staple diet for tadpoles, they may be given an occasional feast of meat by suspending a small chunk on a string attached to a stick set crossways over the top of their tank. A magnifying glass will give an enlarged view of your



Tadpoles in the later stages of growth Eric Hosking

breathers like fish, extracting oxygen from the water. Over-crowding means that the oxygen is soon used up and the tadpoles then die of suffocation.

Although tadpoles are soft and fragile, they are voracious feeders, eating both vegetable and animal matter. Their "beaky" mouths are armed with more than 600 minute horny teeth which enable them to graze on algae or nibble pieces of meat.

Masses of microscopic green algae

Green algae is made up of masses of microscopic plants and is well known as a nuisance to aquarium keepers, as tanks kept in a sunny position soon develop enough of it to cover the interior of the glass sides, thus obliterating a view of the fish. The tadpole keeper, on the other hand,

tadpoles feeding and add to the interest of observing their behaviour.

Once a tadpole has grown four legs and the tail has begun to shrink, it becomes an air-breathing animal and would naturally come ashore from a pond. At this stage it is best to release them in the garden, as they now feed on large quantities of tiny insects and so are very difficult to keep alive in captivity.

JUST TO REMIND YOU . . .

● Your cage and aviary birds may suffer from skin parasites. The symptoms are restlessness and redness of the skin, with eventual loss of condition. To prevent or cure, dust the plumage with a pyrethrum-based insect powder. Never use DDT or other modern chemical insecticides on any animal.



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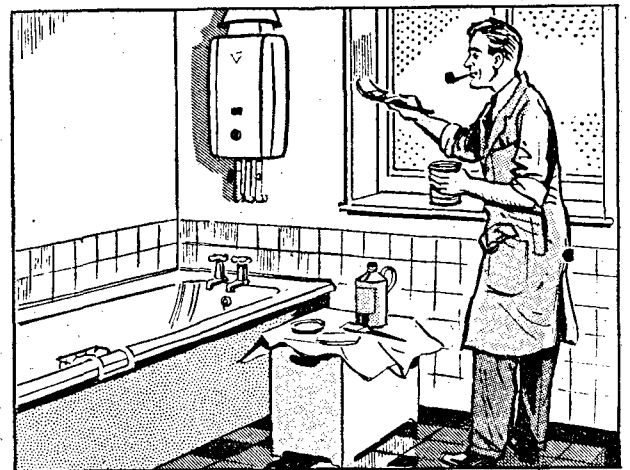
Mr. Therm is a magician. He has a magic lump which is made of coal, ordinary coal. But when he rubs it, his magic powers release its hidden wonders . . .

Maybe it isn't real magic, but it certainly seems like it! When Mr. Therm treats coal scientifically, he sets free the wealth that has been locked up in it for millions of years. This treatment is called carbonisation. This way, hundreds of things we use every day can be made. When we burn coal on an open fire, we lose these valuable chemicals up the chimney as smoke and soot. Mr. Therm's magic saves them for us all.

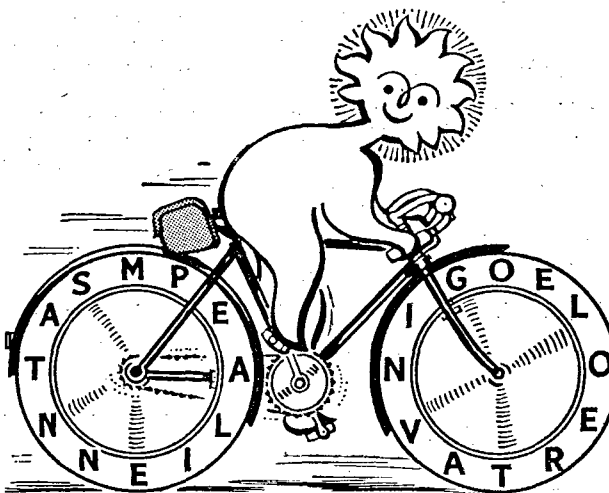
WITH the Spring comes warmer weather and lighter evenings and bright sunlight that makes familiar things look shabby and grubby. Mummy starts spring-cleaning and Daddy fetches out the ladder to give a lick of paint to the window frames. Once he starts, it seems as if everything could do with a fresh coat of colour. How about an orange door and violet window frames? Perhaps not, after all! The old colour scheme was best. But there are so many pretty colours to choose from in the shop!

Mr. Therm helps to make paints as a result of his carbonisation of coal. When he does this, two of the substances made are benzole and xylene, which are used to make lacquers and varnish as well as paint. Also there is enamel paint, the quick-drying sort for baths and bicycles. The pretty colours come from dyes that Mr. Therm makes. And when you get spots of paint on your hands and clothes, you rush for the bottle of turpentine substitute to clean it all off before Mummy sees it. That's something else we owe to Mr. Therm!

When we have a gas fire to heat a room, we can be sure that there will be no dirty fumes or smoke to mess up the clean paint-work or wallpaper. Thanks to Mr. Therm, life is brighter and cleaner, and it stays like that, too!



* MR. THERM'S BICYCLE *



The four words hidden in the tyres of Mr. Therm's bicycle all appear in the story above. Write down each alternate letter, and if you start in the right place you will find two words in each tyre. The letters are in the right order. Make a neat list of your answers on a postcard with full name, address and age, ask a parent or guardian to sign it as your own work, then post it to: Mr. Therm's Bicycle No. 16, Children's Newspaper, 26/27 Farringdon St., London, E.C.4 (Comp.). Mr. Therm will award £2 2s. Book Tokens for the three nearest correct entries received by Friday, 29th March. His decision is final!

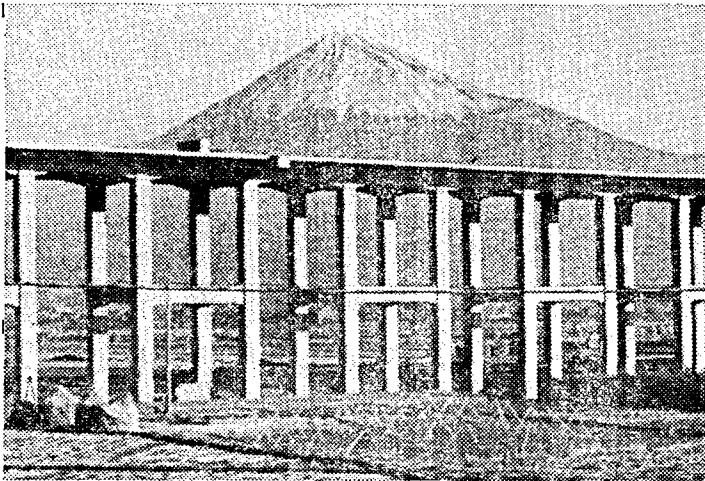
Mr. Therm's Bicycle No. 11 winners were: David Clarke, Hornchurch; Bridget Seager, Ossett; Nicola Smith, Bognor Regis. The words were: PRETTY, YELLOW, ABOARD, METHOD.

GAS FOR MODERN LIVING

This Wide World

NEW FAST LINE

New rail track from Osaka to Tokyo, which passes Japan's famous Mount Fujiyama along a concrete viaduct. Trains are scheduled to run along it at over 150 miles an hour.



No time for anything

How would you get on without clocks or daylight? Would you wake up, eat, and go to bed at your usual times? To find out, a number of volunteers in Germany tried an experiment. They lived underground for a period with no clocks or watches and only artificial light.

They found that on waking they were not sure whether they had been sleeping for hours or had only "dropped off" for a few minutes. Going to bed was also confusing. Were they really tired or just inclined for a nap?

Scientists observing them from outside noticed that they tended to do everything less frequently than when they lived by the clock.

Black Market Bibles

For some time the Indonesian Government banned the import of Bibles as part of the policy demanding that all printing in the local language should be carried out in Indonesia. When the ban was lifted, shipments were sold out on the day of arrival, and Bibles were subsequently offered at three times their published price.

LIFE A LONG WAY OFF

Somewhere in the vast Andromeda nebula, 1,500,000 light years from us, is the most likely part of the universe for us to discover signs of intelligent life, according to Russia's leading astronomer, Dr. J. S. Shklovsky.

Andromeda, he says, is the galaxy most like ours (the Milky Way), and may contain some world with a "super-civilisation"—intelligent creatures capable of harnessing the energy from their own particular sun for a radio transmitter powerful enough to send signals to Earth.

Dr. Shklovsky is to publish a book on the subject this year.

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Deux adolescentes, Véronique Lepêtre, âgée de 17 ans, et Patricia Porasse, 14 ans, appartenant à l'école de danse de l'Opéra, s'étaient présentées en juin 1960 pour le corps de ballet, mais elles ne furent pas acceptées. Elles prétendirent que le concours d'engagement n'avait pas été régulier. "En effet" disaient-elles, "on a admis des élèves du Conservatoire, entre 16 et 18 ans, alors qu'on ne peut le faire, aux termes de la Convention collective, que s'il n'y a pas suffisamment de candidates venant de l'école de danse de l'Opéra, le règlement prévoyant, en outre, que les sujets doivent avoir entre huit et douze ans."

Le tribunal civil a estimé que les deux demandereses avaient raison. Véronique a donc obtenu 80,000 francs de dommages-intérêts, et Patricia 40,000 francs.

A 10s. 6d. book token will be awarded for what the Editor considers to be the best translation of the above received by Wednesday, 27th March. Send your translation addressed to: The Editor, Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. The book token for 2nd March issue has been sent to Thelma Lewis, 55 Fir Tree Road, Bellfields, Guildford, Surrey.

MONK SEALS IN DANGER!

And elephant seals in the bathroom

Yet another animal in danger of being wiped out from our everyday world is the monk seal. Once common all round the coasts of the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, and the Atlantic waters of North Africa, there are today only about six colonies of monk seals left in those localities.

Their only enemies are human hunters, and to escape them they often live in caves with entrances below water level.

Efforts are now being made to set up an international reserve for monk seals on the coast of Rio de Oro (Spanish Sahara).

From the seals of a warm clime we turn to seals of a colder area.

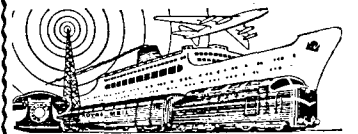
In the teeth of wild Antarctic gales, an Australian scientific and mountain-climbing expedition recently landed on desolate Heard Island in the Southern Ocean, which had not been visited for over seven years. The explorers found that the huts used by the 1955 expedition had been visited by elephant seals. The huge animals had evidently been wallowing in the bathroom, and had nearly wrecked the other huts by rolling about in them.

Tough Chop

Woodchopping is a feature of Australian agricultural shows and the hardwoods used are so dense that nails can only be driven into freshly sawn timber. Yet recently a Melbourne policeman took only 45 seconds to cut through a 15-inch hardwood log. It is wood that very nearly sinks in water.

Expert axemen claim that they can shave with their axes after the woodchop.

Briefly . . .



The longest American space flight is planned for Astronaut Major L. G. Cooper in April. He is expected to make 18 orbits of the Earth in about 27 hours.

Fewer than 400 Australian Aborigines in the Northern Territory still lead a nomadic life and have no regular contact with the outside world.

Stafford is to "adopt" five Indian villages as part of the Freedom from Hunger campaign.

Safer roads

Nearly 2,000 fewer children were killed and injured on the roads in Britain last year than in 1961.

The site of the Viking settlement made about 1,000 A.D. at Lance-aux-Meadows in Newfoundland (mentioned in CN dated 2nd March) is to be preserved by the Canadian Government.

Old fossil

A schoolboy fossil-hunter of Hobart, Tasmania, has found in a piece of rock a fossilised tortoise or turtle believed to be 200 million years old.



Friendly Phantoms

Although Wymering Manor youth hostel is said to be haunted, no hosteller has actually reported meeting a ghost. But this historical mansion near the South Coast is a favourite haunt of walkers and cyclists.

The Y.H.A. owns other interesting buildings throughout the countryside, including a Norman castle, watermills and even a former lifeboat house. Altogether there are over 270 hostels in England and Wales, where you can stay overnight for only 2s. if you're under 16 (3s. 6d. if older). Inexpensive meals are usually available, or you can cook your own in the members' kitchen.

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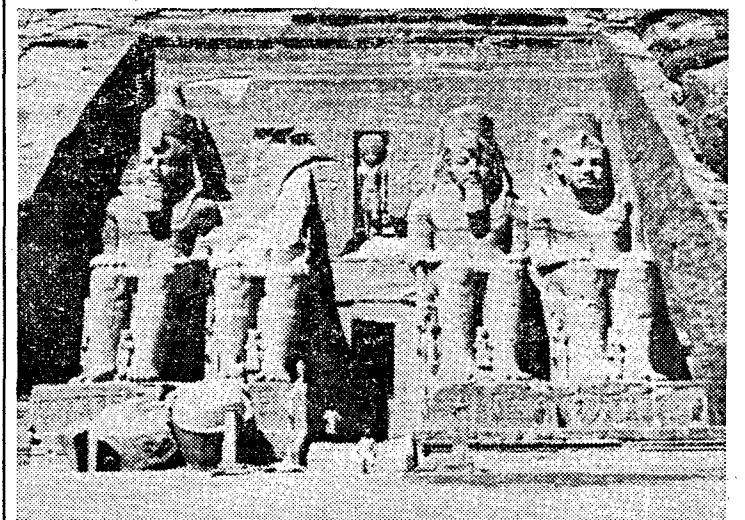
TO YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION (CN/636),
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RENE GUILLOT'S Three Girls and a Secret

This story for girls about children making a house and playing "mothers and babies" with an abandoned baby is set in back street Paris. *Colour illustrations by Jane Paton.* 10/6

The Wild White Stallion (3rd imp.)

The friendship of a boy and a wild horse. "A thrilling and memorable tale."—*The Observer*. "Tremendously exciting. A delightful book."—*John O'London's*. *Illustrated in 2 colours.* 10/6

The Vet's Family

Martha Robinson
Twins, Linda and Jane, come from Washington to stay with the family of their English uncle, who is a vet. The animal interest alone will make this book a favourite. *Illustrated* 12/6

Jonathan's Children

Constance Heward
Three orphaned children and their dog go to live with their crusty old uncle who keeps a grocer's shop in the country. By the author of *Ameliamanne* and *the Green Umbrella*, etc. *Illustrated by Jane Paton* 15/-

HARRAP BOOKS

Some splendid new books

Fiction

Top of the List this month is a piece of fiction—which is nearly 99 per cent. fact—about the birth, upbringing, and daily life of young black bears.

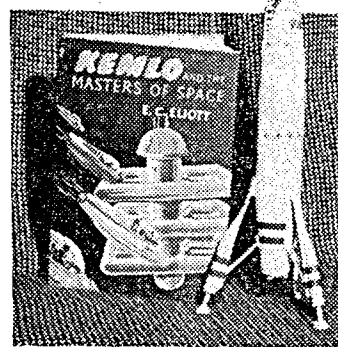
It's written by an expert, Emile E. Liers, and it's titled **A BLACK BEAR'S STORY** (Hodder, 15s.). Describing faithfully the early years of black bear cubs' life and the very strict training they get from their mother, it takes place in the forest land of Minnesota just west of Lake Superior.

These bears are not sentimental travesties of human beings. They are wild animals described by one who knows them...

And now we move from North to South America for a novel for horse-lovers. But they will meet a very different character from the animals they know at home, in *La Bruja* (the witch). She's a wild horse of the pampas and her story is told by Helen Griffiths in **THE WILD HEART** (Hutchinson, 13s. 6d.). It's a story you will remember long after you have finished reading it.

There's a first-rate tale for the up-to-elevens called **CAMERONS ON THE TRAIN**, by Jane Duncan (Macmillan, 13s. 6d.). It's about two brothers and a sister who take a train journey in the north of Scotland and get mixed up with an explosives robbery and a nice little job of sabotage. Well told and well illustrated.

Then for Space fans there's **KEMLO AND THE MASTERS OF SPACE**, by E. C. Elliott (Nelson, 7s. 6d.)—day-to-day chat and out-of-this-world living aboard an Earth satellite. With a spice of danger and a thrill of the unusual.



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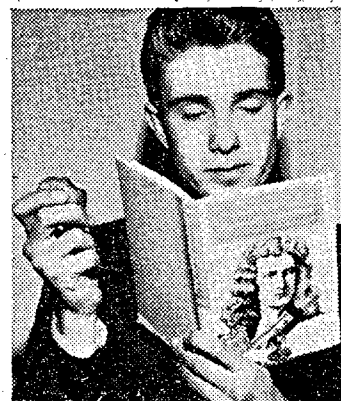
ANYBODY thinking of a career in science should look at **THE YOUNG SCIENTIST** Series. Volume No. 3 is just out (Chatto, 18s.) and is as good as its two predecessors. There are chapters

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on Colour TV, Messages from Satellites; Cosmic Rays, Computers, and a specially good one called *The Scientist Looks at Works of Art*. What it says about tracing faked paintings and restoring the works of famous masters will be news to most people.

If you like a good biography, you should read **ISAAC NEWTON**, by David C. Knight



(Chatto, 10s. 6d.). It's the story of a 17th-century Lincolnshire man who had one of the greatest brains the world has ever produced.

Did you ever read about the bull-jumpers of Crete? They were boys and girls of the Labyrinth, famous palace of King Minos, and gave performances of turning somersaults on the back of a charging bull before cheering spectators.

The story of this palace and its early Mediterranean civilisation, brought to light by excavation, is excellently told by E. Royston Pike in **FINDING OUT ABOUT THE MINOANS** (Muller, 10s. 6d.). There are plenty of pictures including one of the bull-jumping.

Another absorbing story of a vanished civilisation is told in **CARTHAGE**, by H. E. L. Mellersh (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 9s. 6d.). This great rival in trade and sea-power of Greece and Rome stood close to the site of modern Tunis and the people's ancestors came from the biblical Tyre and Sidon.

Some Ideas For Presents

HERE are four suggestions, if you need to give a present to a younger brother or sister. All have outstandingly good colour pictures, good, sensible text, and are reasonable in price.

They are **DRAMA OF THE DEEP** and **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**, both by Olga Marshall (Odams, 9s. 6d.); **BRITISH ANIMALS**, by Mary Vanstone; and **INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES**, by A. A. Bass (Chatto, 4s. 6d.).

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A contemporary story about four teenage girls who decide to earn money to convert a tumbledown hut into a skiing chalet. 15s.

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Purchase Tax—
one example of
Indirect Taxes.

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Indirect Taxes

Indirect taxes are so called because we pay them to the Government indirectly. We pay them when we buy things.

Taxes, because they are taxes on purchases.

Since we pay them when we buy things, indirect taxes are taxes on *spending*, whereas Income Tax, in its various forms, is a tax on *earning*.

Altogether, we have to pay back to the Government, in taxes of one kind or another, quite a lot of the money we earn. Many people grumble about this, but it is unavoidable, really, since it costs a tremendous amount to run a complicated and highly civilised country such as ours.

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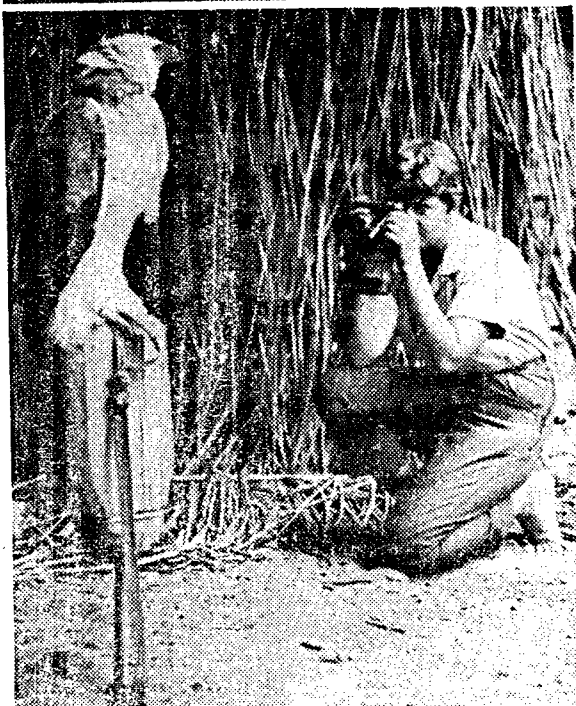
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Above left: Anne discovers a baby anteater.

Left: Anne photographs a captured Ha, reputedly the most ferocious of its species.

Below: A Red Howler monkey allows Anne for the camera.

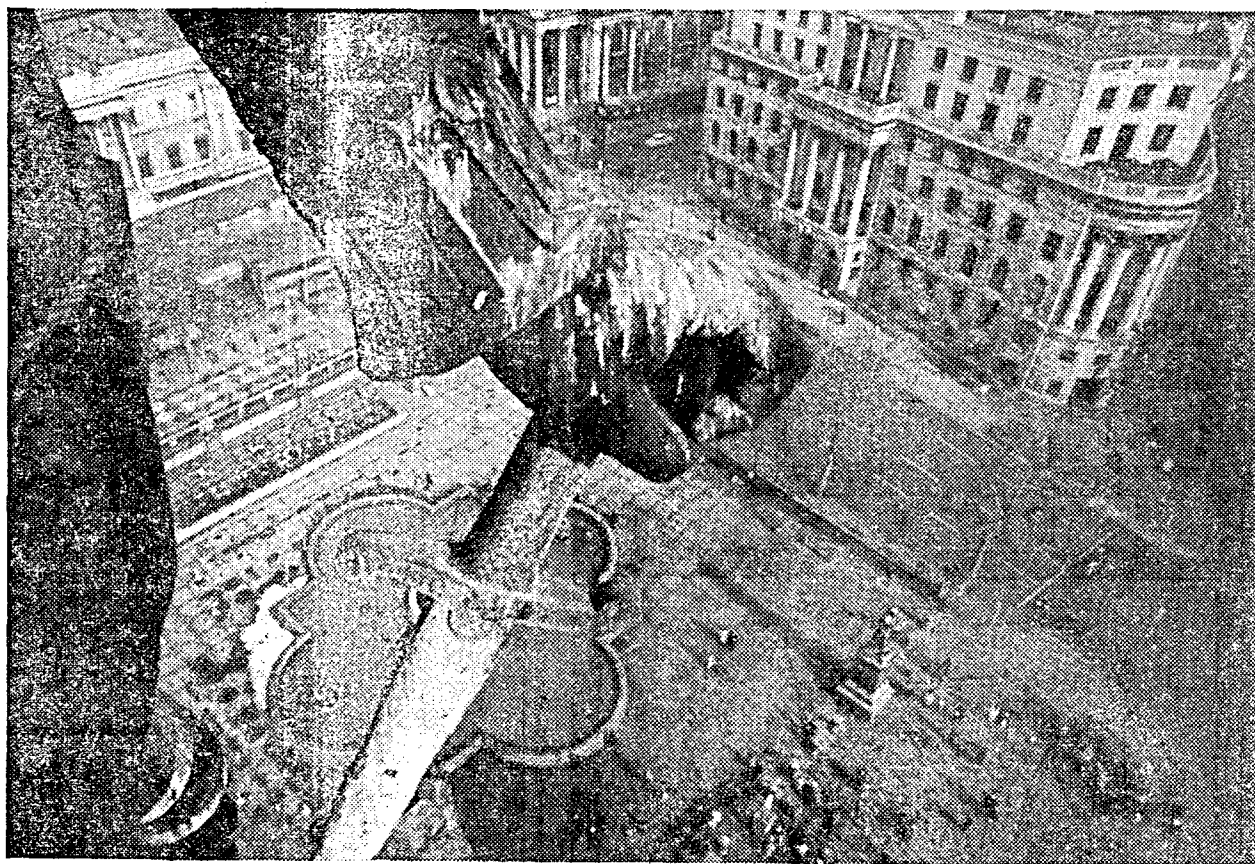
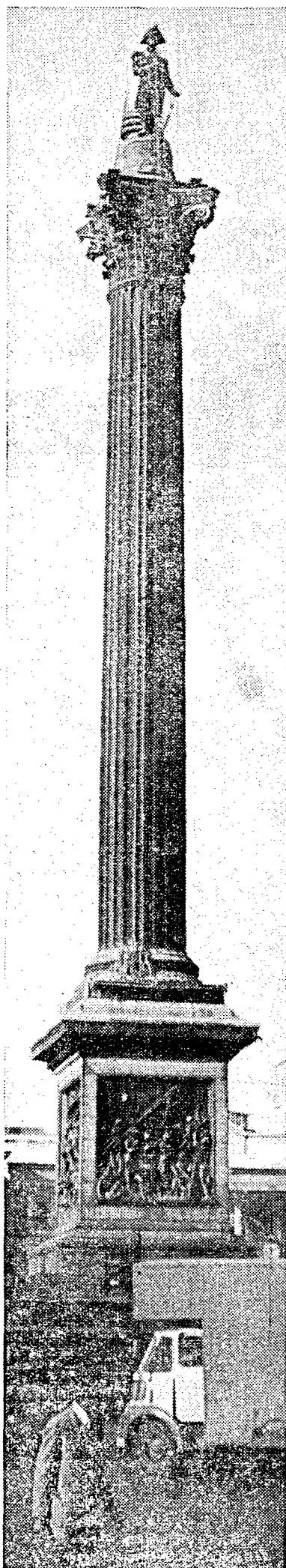


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NO PANORAMA

NEWS IN PICTURES



From this unusual view of Lord Nelson in Trafalgar Square, it's certain he needs one thing:

A WASH AND BRUSH UP!

THE famous Nelson statue in Trafalgar Square has just been cleaned for the first time since 1955. The operation was in the charge of Mr. Bill Larkin, whose steeplejack family has carried out the task since 1905. The column itself is never cleaned, as the grime on it provides a protective coating.

The statue is, of course, known the whole world over. These pictures show it from an entirely new angle.

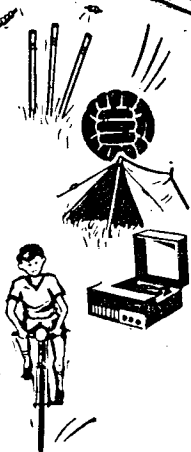
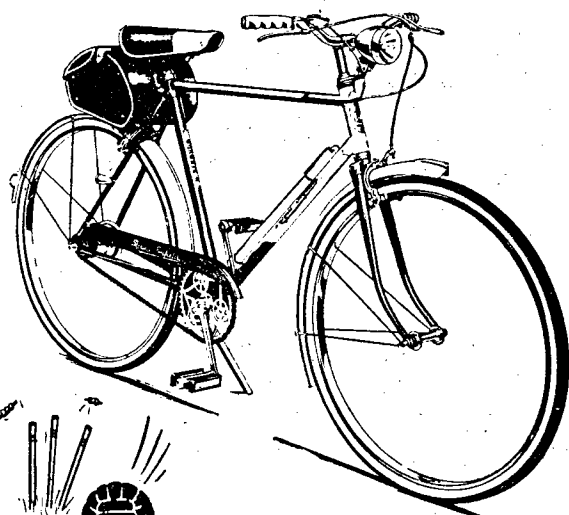


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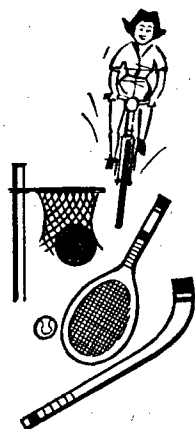
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Round the Ring



Mickey Braddock

IN BBC junior TV on Saturday Mickey Braddock, who was eleven when the pictures were made, plays *Circus Boy* in a tornado of escapades with a travelling show in the American West. There are adventures with ostriches, elephants, horses, fire-eaters, knife-throwers, and, in one episode, an amazing camel that outstrips the fastest Arab horse in the world.

DRAKE SAILS AGAIN

DRAKE sails again next week—on ITV. For 26 Saturdays from 30th March we can see repeats of *Sir Francis Drake*, last year's ATV-ABC Television series starring Terence Morgan as Queen Elizabeth's favourite sailor-adventurer.

Terence Morgan looks remarkably like the historical portraits, especially with the short trim beard which took him three months to grow. Drake's ship, the *Golden Hind*, was built up in the studio and a sea-going replica was used for location shots near Falmouth, Cornwall.

As You Like It

FRIDAY night at 8.20 sees the BBC-TV's presentation of *As You Like It* by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Vanessa Redgrave is Rosalind and Patrick Allen is Orlando.

The producers are using a set-piece consisting of a central hill surmounted by a 30-foot tree, and marking the passage of the seasons by varying the amount of foliage.

THESE PUPPETS ARE POPPETS

PINKY and Perky are more than puppets—they're poppets! That's why they've been chosen to link the contributions from 16 countries in the Eurovision Song Contest on BBC-TV on Saturday. Between each song, Pinky and Perky will do an act and show the name of the next country taking part, the name of the singer, and the title of the song. Their old friend Roger Moffat will be with them.



Perky (left) and Pinky with their friend Roger Moffat

SATELLITES CALLING

LIKE to hear beeps from outer space? Then tune in BBC junior radio on Thursday, 28th March, for *Telstar & Co.* This feature programme promises the very latest news on satellite communication. Among those taking part is the Deputy Engineer-in-Chief of the Post Office, who was

in charge at Goonhilly Down tracking station last year when Telstar's signals were nearly missed—but not quite! David Wilson, the BBC's science correspondent, will be bringing the story up-to-date with the latest on the American satellites, Relay and Syncom.

**Chess and
Cheese;
Clothes and
Colour!**

**Jonquil
Antony's
Column**



START playing chess early and you'll find yourself—like Susan Sims here of Stepney, London—playing in Schools' Chess Championships. Susan looks very gay in her sailor blouse and wide hair ribbon, and she doesn't seem too worried about thinking out her moves, does she?



MARY QUANT—who's now recognised as the premier style-setter for teenagers—has chosen a new line for the spring! It's been called "Droopy Dolly" or "Flaccid Flossie!" Mary Quant girls will have their waistlines just anywhere—skirts straight and narrow—and a long body line. And perched on the top of their heads they'll have little pork pie hats—made of the same material as their suit or coat.

If you make your own clothes, it's a good idea for copying—provided you can also make a base to use for the pork pie shape that can be easily covered. If you use a stiff muslin in two thicknesses it shouldn't be difficult.

NEWEST tasty titbit—bacon rashers, spread with French mustard, rolled up with slices of processed cheese, brushed with oil and put under the grill for a few minutes. If you want to make them really professional, fasten them with cocktail sticks. This was a great success at a party I went to recently.



NEWEST colour for everyone—Australian mimosa yellow—so called, of course, after the Queen's Australian tour. However, I notice nobody's come up with a Fiji Hairstyle, though lots of us look as if we've got one when caught in a strong wind!

LEAVE IT TO JENNINGS!

As a result of having his fortune told at the village fête, Jennings is convinced that he and his friends will win the cup for the best-kept dormitory, and to help their chances they decide to spring clean the room secretly. Meanwhile, Mr. Wilkins has organised a local geography project, and Jennings and Darbishire have been put in charge of the rain gauge...

10. The mysterious rainfall

THERE was no cricket match on Saturday, so Jennings and Darbishire were able to obtain permission to go into Linbury village during the afternoon. In a screwed-up handkerchief Jennings clutched the 7s. 6d. which he had collected to buy materials for spring-cleaning the dormitory.

The plan was running well up to schedule, for the work was not due to be done until the following Friday; but it was as well to lay in the stock in good time, as there might be no further opportunity to go shopping.

"You're looking a bit fossilised this afternoon," Darbishire said, as they came within sight of the Linbury General Stores and Post Office.

"I'm a bit worried, that's why," Jennings replied. "You see, I was counting on winning the dorm cup because of what that oriental fortune-telling lady told me about the ambition I'd set my heart on. But now I'm not so sure she knows the future as well as she makes out she does."

"It'll be all right," Darbishire assured him. "It's amazing how much these oriental mystics know about the shape of things to come."

JENNINGS opened the shop door and the "oriental mystic," in the person of Miss Tubbs, glanced at her former client from behind the bacon counter.

Jennings returned her glance with no sign of recognition in his eyes. "Good afternoon," he said politely. "We want some cleaning materials, please."

Miss Tubbs moved round to the hardware counter and collected the articles as Jennings read them out from his list.

"One tin of metal polish; one packet of stuff for getting the muck out of washbasins with; some detergent; one bottle of window-cleaner as advertised on television..." He paused and eyed the bottle suspiciously. "Are you sure that's the one they sing that song about?"

Miss Tubbs shrugged. "I don't know, I'm sure. I never watch the commercials."

"It's ever so funny. Something about 'removing all the pain from polishing the pane.' It's a sort of pun, you see."

There was no reaction from Miss Tubbs.

"Well, anyway, I expect it'll be all right," Jennings decided. "How much does all that add up to, please?"

The bill came to 8s. 3d.

"Oh fish-hooks, we've only got 7s. 6d.," Jennings apologised. "And we can't cross anything off—can we, Darbi?"

His friend confirmed that all the items were indispensable.

"It's not as though we were wasting money on mops and dusters," he told Miss Tubbs. "We're going to use our face flannels and things for putting it on with."

FOR some reason Miss Tubbs seemed to think this was funnier than the much advertised pun about the window cleaning fluid, for she laughed aloud and said: "Well, all right, then. You can owe me the ninepence. Bring it in next time you're in the village."

by Anthony
Buckeridge

"Coo, thanks, that's jolly generous of you," Jennings' face lit up with gratitude. "I don't suppose we'll get per to come out again until this time next week, but I'll bring you the money then, honestly I will."

The bell on the shop door tinkled as the two satisfied customers departed with their purchases wrapped up in a newspaper parcel.

MEANWHILE, the remaining conspirators in the great spring-cleaning plan had not been idle. A suitable hiding-place for the materials would have to be found by the time Jennings and Darbishire returned from the village, so Venables, Temple, and Atkinson foregathered behind the boot-lockers to decide what should be done.

It was Atkinson who had a bright idea. Outside the dining hall was a large cupboard where the boys kept jam and cake and other articles of food sent to them by fond parents to enliven the monotonous fare provided for school tea and supper.

"We'll put it in empty food boxes in the jam cupboard, with special labels on," Atkinson suggested. "So if, say, for instance, anyone happened to see a tin labelled ginger biscuits, they wouldn't look inside in case they got reported."

"Jolly good scheme," Temple approved. "I vote we make Atki our security officer as a reward for his brilliant brainwave."

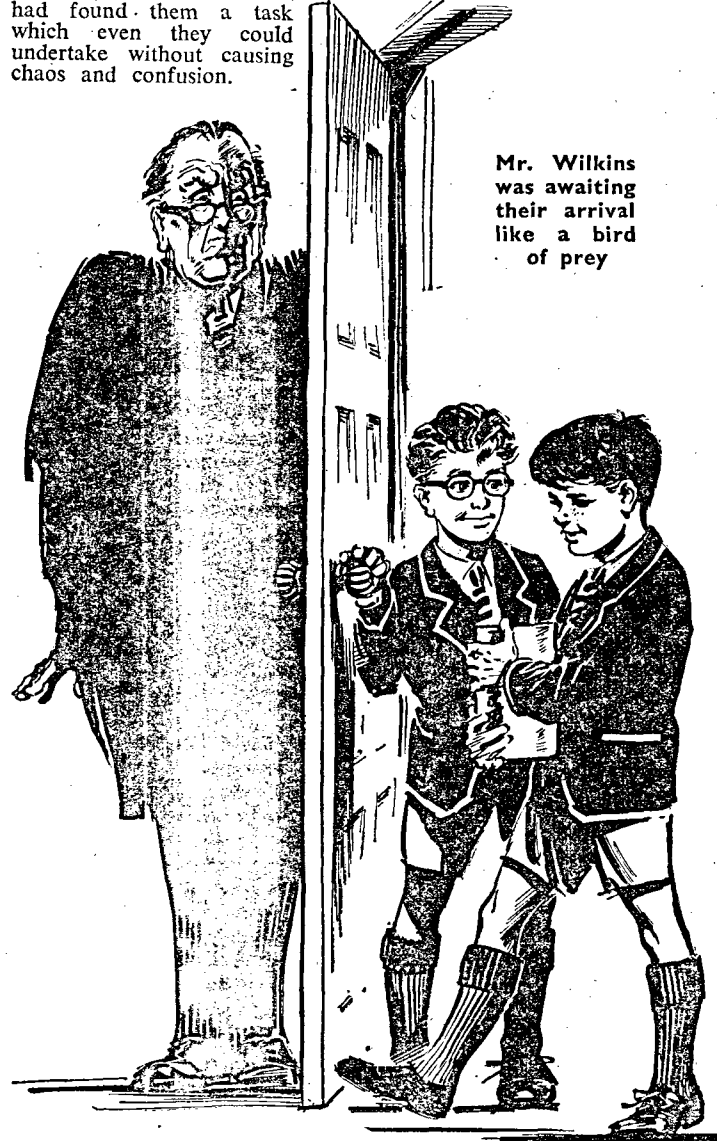
BY the time Jennings and Darbishire arrived back from the village, the security officer and his assistants had collected a number of innocent-looking containers in which to conceal the cleaning materials until they were required.

The metal polish was hidden in a cardboard box labelled Swiss Roll, and the detergent powder emptied into an empty carton of Devonshire cream. One Pound Best Assorted Chocolate Biscuits concealed the identity of the floor

polish, and the window-cleaning liquid—as advertised on television—was poured into an empty jam-jar.

As a further precaution, each boy wrote his name on a container to allay the suspicions of the inquisitive. Then, well satisfied with the afternoon's work, they put the camouflaged materials in the jam cupboard and scampered off to get ready for tea.

NEARLY a week had now elapsed since the appointment of Jennings and Darbishire as official recorders of the rain gauge in the headmaster's garden. They had carried out their duties efficiently and Mr. Wilkins was beginning to think that at last he had found them a task which even they could undertake without causing chaos and confusion.



But on Sunday he was assailed by doubts. The previous day had been fine and sunny, with no trace of rain in the clear blue sky. The night, too, was warm and dry, yet when, after breakfast, Jennings brought the rain-gauge canister along to the staff room, it was found to contain more than an inch of water.

Mr. Wilkins frowned, recorded the rainfall and said nothing. He would await developments and see what happened.

He didn't have to wait long... On Monday morning, after a

further 24-hours' drought, the canister held nearly three inches of rain. This was followed as the week progressed by amounts which might have been normal in the foothills of the Himalayas during the monsoon season, but which were incredible in southern England during a dry spell.

Mr. Wilkins simmered with indignation. If those silly little boys were trying to be funny at his expense, they would soon find out that he, L. P. Wilkins, M.A., was not the sort of man to tolerate puerile pranks of that nature.

THURSDAY morning also dawned bright and clear, without a cloud in the sky. After breakfast Jennings and Darbishire made their usual journey to the headmaster's garden, anxious to know whether the humidity of the last few days had been maintained.

It had! As Jennings removed the canister he whistled in surprise. "Wow! There's gallons here this morning," he reported. "Sir ought to be jolly pleased with this lot. It's even more than yesterday."

Darbishire scratched his nose and voiced the doubt that had been growing in his mind since

league seemed to think was the most heinous crime of the 20th century.

"Morning, sir. We've brought you the rainwater," Jennings said brightly as he carried the container into the room, while Darbishire held the door open. "Ever such a lot, sir. Almost a record, I shouldn't wonder."

Mr. Wilkins took the container, glanced at the water level and held it out for his colleague's inspection.

"There you are, Carter," he said. "Just as I told you."

"Phenomenal," Mr. Carter agreed.

There was an ominous change of tone in Mr. Wilkins's voice as he rounded on the two boys and said: "And now perhaps you will give me an explanation of this stupid and irresponsible hoax you've been playing for the last four days?"

"Stupid hoax, sir?" Jennings was dumbfounded.

"I suppose you think it's funny. Your idea of a joke, no doubt."

DARBISHIRE'S eyes were circles of bewilderment. What on earth was Sir talking about?

"I gave you the chance of making up for your previous conduct by playing an important part in our project," the master went on. "And instead of co-operating like intelligent boys, you have deliberately set out to ruin the whole undertaking."

"I don't understand, sir," Jennings mumbled.

"Oh yes you do!" Mr. Wilkins turned to his colleague for confirmation. "You've got the figures there, haven't you, Mr. Carter?"

Mr. Carter picked up a list from the table. "Sunday, one point nine inches," he read out. "Monday, two point seven inches. Tuesday, three point five, and Wednesday a little over four inches. H'm! More than a foot of rain in four days, not counting today's offering of what looks like a couple of pints at the very least!"

"Yes, it does seem a lot, sir," Darbishire agreed. "We thought it must have come on quite heavily in the night."

BY way of reply Mr. Carter led them to the window and pointed to the field beyond the quad. The grass was turning from green to yellow and in the distance Robinson, the odd-job man, could be seen fitting the sprinkler to the hose to water the thirsty-looking cricket square.

"You don't imagine Robinson's doing that for fun, do you?" he asked.

"Exactly!" boomed Mr. Wilkins. "It's quite obvious what's been happening. You boys have been pouring water into the rain gauge and making nonsense of the records."

They stared at him in horror. "Oh no, sir! Honestly!" Jennings protested. "We wouldn't do a thing like that! Really, sir!"

"Don't attempt to deny it. The facts are plain," Mr. Wilkins went on. "And what is more, I shan't allow you to help with the survey in future."

"Oh, but, sir..." "You heard what I said. I'll find a couple of boys I can rely on to take on your job." Glowering, Mr. Wilkins pointed to the door. "Out!" he roared.

Outside in the corridor, Jennings pulled a long and woeful face.

"Jolly well not fair," he muttered. "It's not our fault if the old rain gauge doesn't work properly. It's probably worn out."

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BOTH France and the United States have recently been using special underwater craft to reach the depths of the sea. Originated by a Belgian inventor, Professor Piccard, the craft resemble thickly-armoured submarines and are known as bathyscaphes.

The French Navy's bathyscaphe is named *Archimède*, after the Ancient Greek mathematician, Archimedes. It carries a crew of two and a laboratory of instruments for measuring such things as depth, water pressure and temperature.

The *Archimède* recently spent four months making descents into the Kurile Trench, off the coast of Japan, where the sea reaches some of its greatest depths. A new stamp from France pays tribute to the sailors and scientists of the *Archimède*.

The stamp, shown here, has a



picture of the bathyscaphe and an inscription giving its record-breaking dive of 9,200 metres, or about 30,000 feet.

Honouring a Doctor

SCIENTIFIC progress of more than two centuries ago is recalled by another new stamp from France. Pictured here, it is a 50



plus 20-centimes stamp issued in honour of Jacques Daviel.

Daviel was a doctor who won fame for his work during an outbreak of the plague in Marseilles in 1720. He later moved to Paris, where he specialised in the treatment of eye diseases.

Because of his great skill, Dr. Daviel became one of the best-known surgeons of his time. When he died in 1762, he left behind him medical treatises which pointed the way to the wonderful work of the oculists of modern times.

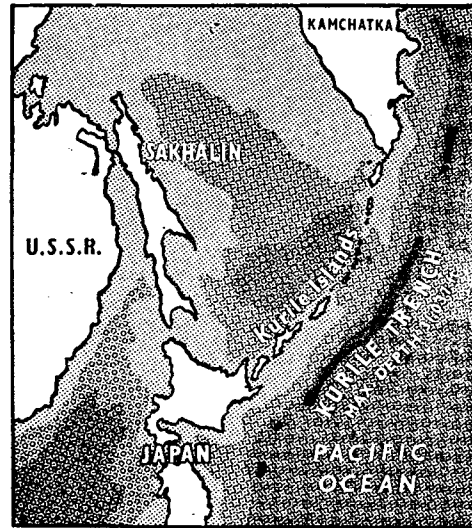
More Coats-of-Arms

ANOTHER value has been added to the series of neat little low-value stamps which feature the



coats-of-arms of French towns. This is a 10-centimes stamp, shown here, with the coat-of-arms of Troyes, on the Seine.

C. W. HILL



Map showing the position of the Kurile Trench

SPRING —we hope!

AS far as plants and animals are concerned, we can regard spring as the beginning of the naturalists' year, even though many plants are developing slowly when they are out of sight in winter.

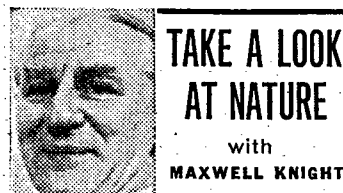
The warmer weather brings with it a kind of explosion of life when trees bud, plants push up their shoots, pond-weeds sprout, and birds and most mammals, insects and reptiles, are coming into breeding condition.

My young friends Paddy and Jane want to know why animals choose the spring for the season of reproduction. Well, of course, they don't choose it. They are brought into breeding condition by certain bodily changes. But what we must remember is that most plants require certain conditions of weather which help growth and development, and these are the conditions of a normal spring season.

As for birds and many other animals, they must produce their young when there is likely to be plenty of food to nourish the expectant parents and, in due course, the young creatures which are hatched or born.

In the early stages of their lives the tadpoles of our frogs and toads need the soft green algae—those small plants usually growing on, or attached to, other plants or sticks and stones submerged in the water. During the cold months these are almost non-existent. But with warmer weather they grow quickly and the tadpoles can feed on them.

Most birds feed their young on either insects or worms or fresh vegetation and so must have enough of such foods, and these are beginning to be plentiful in spring. Mammals which are vegetarian in their diets want fresh grass, foliage, seeds and roots to help build up their own milk supply when suckling their young.



TAKE A LOOK
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MAXWELL KNIGHT

Predators such as weasels and foxes benefit from the proportion of young birds and mammals they may be able to find.

Badgers are not restricted in their diet. But, even so, a good supply of earthworms, beetles, grubs and young rabbits (where there are any), with young voles and mice, are necessary as food both for adults and the cubs. The latter start foraging for themselves about April when they first come above ground.



A wary young rabbit Jane Burton

Yes—spring is the season of the year that suits most of our animals best when there are likely to be extra mouths to feed.

TOO MANY TORTOISES

About 190,000 tortoises were imported as pets into Britain last year from Morocco, Tunisia, and the Balkans. Those less than four inches long had little chance of survival unless cared for by experts. On Friday the House of Commons is to debate a Bill to prohibit the import of tortoises measuring less than four inches.

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PICK A PUZZLE

by
Guy Williams

Word Square

The answers to the four
clues will, if written below
each other, read the same
across as down.

Den, or hiding place.
Some seamen are this.
Wrongs, or sicknesses.
Repose.

ODD ONE OUT

Four of the words below
have something in common, but
the fifth is out of place. Which
—and why?

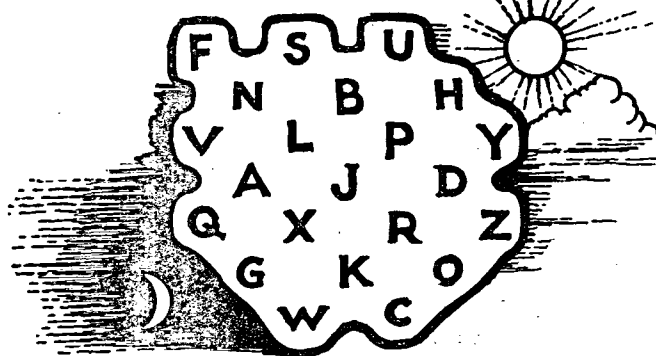
Mississippi, Nile, Amazon,
Fujiyama, Zambesi.

Hidden Towns

Each sentence conceals
the name of a well-known
town in Britain. Can you
find all five?

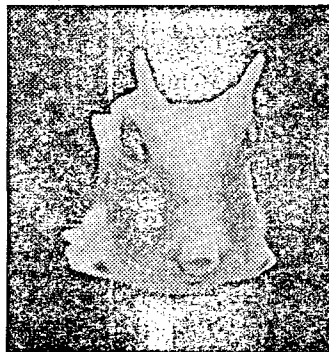
What did Henry decide?
Put a dab right on the
flap.
There is a deep bog north
of here.
The paint is peeling off
the door.
"Put on a jumper, there's
a cool breeze."

IT WAITS FOR NO MAN!



ALL but four of the letters of the alphabet are given in the
illustration. First, find those four letters. When you have
them, can you re-arrange them to spell something which passes
ceaselessly?

Animal, vegetable, or mineral?



A pig's head, an odd-shaped
potato, a contemporary
vase, or . . . ?

Friend In Need

MY FIRST is in dose and you'll
find it in draught,
My second's in hobby, it's left out
of craft;
My third is in physic, it's missing
from nurse,
My fourth is in better though never
in worse;
My fifth is in stocking as well as in
hose,
My sixth is in rambler and also in
rose;
My whole is a person on whom we
depend,
When we're not feeling well, he's
our very best friend.

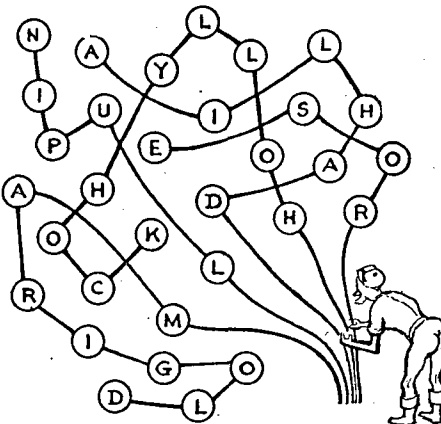
NUMBER PUZZLE

Can you, from the clues
below, find the name of a
Government department
which is greatly in the news
at this time? The numbers
indicate the position of the
letters in the answer.

67589 is very peculiar.
You are present with
4591.
There's regret in 978.
But 34159 raises the
spirits.
912 will provide a king.
A 345678 is passed
through a bank.

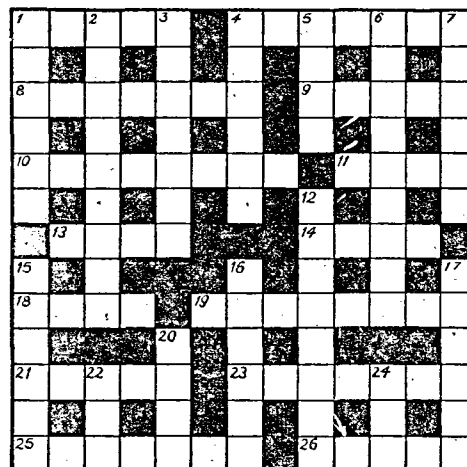
LINE OF FLOWERS

FOLLOW the
letters along
the lines and you
will find the names
of five well-known
flowers. Perhaps
you grow them in
your garden?



Crossword puzzle

ACROSS: 1 and 10 Warrior king of England
who came to the throne 550 years ago (three words,
5, 3, 5). 4 To cultivate the mind. 8 Like an angel.
9 Compound of oxygen and one other element.
10 See 1 across. 11 Sour. 13 Male deer. 14 Noisy.
18 Town in the Isle of Wight. 19 One who directs.
21 Vision. 23 Often in charge of a TV programme.
25 Plays are performed in one. 26 Time of dark-
ness. **DOWN:** 1 Fireside. 2 Forgotten. 3 Shrill,
sharp barking. 4 To stir up. 5 On. 6 This was
an important place in the life of 1 across. 7 Corrects.
12 Civic dignitary next in rank to mayor. 15 Trust.
16 It's completely round. 17 Heraldic term for
silver. 20 To leave out. 22 Day before. 24 Laid
by a bird.



LEAVE IT TO JENNINGS!

Continued from page 9

Darbishire's brows were knitted
in a puzzled frown.
"It's jolly mysterious, all the
same," he said. "I knew it hadn't
really rained all that much, so
where did the water come from?"
They discussed the matter in
some detail and were forced to
admit that on one point at any
rate Mr. Wilkins must be right.
Someone had been adding water
to the container . . . But who?

IN his mind's eye Darbishire
saw himself as Chief Inspector
Darbishire, called in to solve the
most baffling riddle of the latest
crime-wave. He chewed a pencil
in lieu of a pipe and said in
official tones: "Who do you sus-
pect—Venables, Bromwich, Rum-
below or any of that lot?"

"Shouldn't think so," Jennings
said. "It's more likely to be
someone who can go in and out
of the Head's garden with no
questions asked."

The chief inspector bit heavily
on the stem of his pipe.

"That narrows the field a lot,"
he said gravely. "In fact, I think
I can solve it by a process of
elimination."

Jennings was impressed. "Go
on, then."

"Well, I can think of only three
people who can openly walk into
the Head's garden without arous-
ing suspicion."

"Who?"
"There's you and there's me,
because Old Wilkie gave us per-
mission."

Jennings clicked his tongue in
exasperation. "We know it wasn't
us! Who's the other one?"

"THE Head! After all, it's his
garden, so no-one would

. . . A howl of derision drowned the
rest of the chief inspector's theory.
"Why on earth should the Head
want to fake the rainfall figures?"
Jennings demanded. "Answer me
that!"

The chief inspector looked crest-
fallen. Maybe his list of suspects
wasn't very convincing, but that
was no reason for old Jen to
cavort about like a maniac.

"Well, whoever did it was a
rotten cad," he mumbled. "And
I'm going to jolly well find out
who the criminal is—you mark
my words!"

To be continued

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Odd one out: Fujiyama—a mountain.
The others are rivers. Hidden towns:
Ryde; Brighton; Bognor; Peel;
Perth. Line of flowers: Marigold;
lupin; dahlia; hollyhock; rose.
It waits for no man! Time. Animal,
vegetable, or mineral? Golden
Puffer fish. Friend in need: Doctor.
Number puzzle: Exchequer.

Word square: LAIR
ABLE
ILLS
REST

Crossword. **ACROSS:** 1 and 10
Henry the Fifth (became king 20th
March, 1413). 4 Educate. 8 Anglic.
9 Oxide. 10 See 1 across. 11 Acid.
13 Stag. 14 Loud. 18 Ryde.
19 Director. 21 Dream. 23 Compere.
25 Theatre. 26 Night. **DOWN:**
1 Hearth. 2 Neglected. 3 Yelping.
4 Excite. 5 Upon. 6 Agincourt
(25th Oct., 1415). 7 Emends.
12 Alderman. 15 Credit. 16 Circle.
17 Argent. 20 Omit. 22 Eve. 24 Egg.
What may happen here? (P.4) At
Abu-Simbel, Egypt; Rameses II;
They will be submerged by an artificial
lake.



This week, since we can't actually go fishing, we'll talk about one or two of the knots a fisherman needs to know. Nowadays, these have to be knots which you can tie in nylon.

A big disadvantage of synthetic nylon lines is that knots which you can tie in string or rope are almost certain to let you down if you try them with nylon.

In its early fishing days, the nylon line lost anglers many good fish for this reason, so the manufacturers set about designing

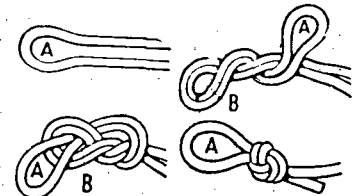
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knots which can be used on any nylon line.

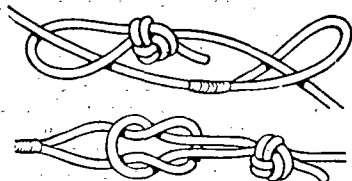
The loop knot is a very useful one for fastening two lengths of line, such as at the end of the cast, hook link, or reel line.

To link two such loops study the second diagram, but, for tying the loop itself, look at the first diagram.

Bend about eight inches of the line back on itself to form the



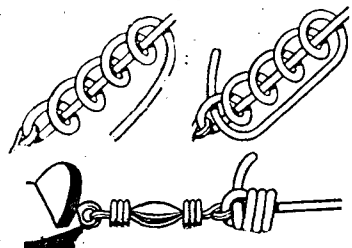
loop "A." Pass this loop twice around the standing part of the line to form the double loop "B." Pass loop "A" through loop "B," and pull taut and you have your loop at the end of the line. The loose end should be cut off.



To link the loops, the second diagram shows how the loop of the reel line (shown knotted) is passed through the loop of the hook link (shown whipped). Then the hook is passed through the reel line loop and the rest of the hook link follows it as you pull taut.

A knot for eyed hooks

You also need a reliable knot for fastening eyed hooks to the end of your line. This is produced by passing the end of the



line through the eye of the hook and back along itself.

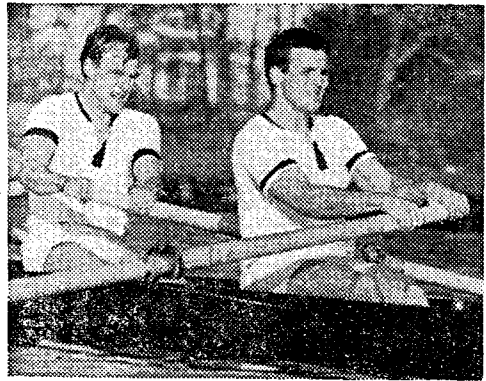
Make four turns with it around the standing part of the line, and then take the end through the loop nearest to the eye. Pull taut and you have a neat reliable knot which allows your hook to swivel freely at the end of the line.

UNITED NATIONS IN THE



BOAT RACE...

Above: A—F.G. de Rancourt (French); B—Viscount Chewton (English); C—J. Maasland (New Zealander); D—D. B. Jackson (South African), are in the Cambridge boat. Right: Oxford's Australian, Philip Ross (left) and the American stroke, Duncan Spencer.



ONCE again it's Boat Race time, and over the famous Putney to Mortlake course on Saturday, Oxford and Cambridge will be rowing it out for the 109th time.

In recent years there have been banana-shaped boats; big-bladed oars; extra-long oars; and so on. This year there has been excitement about Oxford's streamlined boat, for in the early days of its use the Dark Blues were twice beaten in it by their reserve crew, in an old boat.

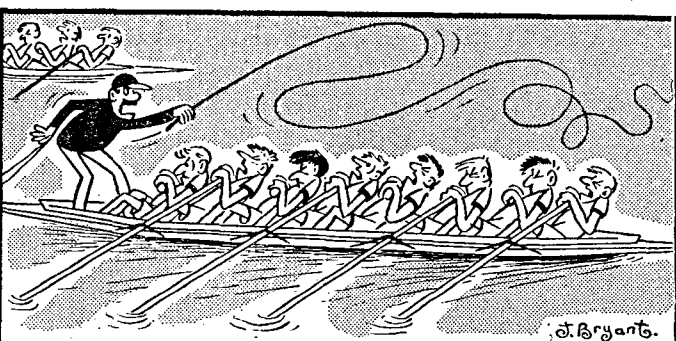
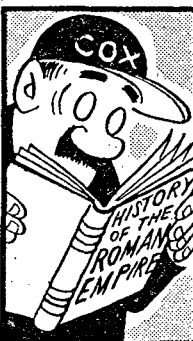
But if there's little unconventional about the boats themselves this year, their crews seem to represent United Nations.

The Cambridge cox is a Frenchman—Francois Gabriel Guy de Rancourt. With him are Bruce Jackson, who hitch-hiked to Cambridge from his home in South Africa; and Johnny Maasland of New Zealand, whose father rowed for Holland in the Olympic Games. The Light Blue stroke is English, and a real, live Viscount, too! Oxford has one American, Duncan Spencer, and an Australian, Philip Ross, the only married man in the race.

SOVIET SPORT

Sport in the Soviet Union has made tremendous advances in the past few years. Last year Russian athletes took part in as many as 45 World and European championships. This year, Russians will compete in more than 40 World and European championships, and will also take part for the first time in the Tour de L'Avenir cycling race in France.

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INDOORS IN GERMANY

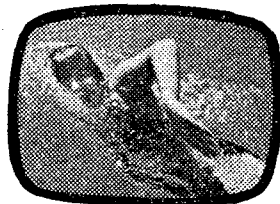
by Peter Hildreth

GREAT BRITAIN this weekend competes for the first time in an indoor international abroad—at Stuttgart, West Germany.

Among the German runners will be the speedy Jochem Bender, who lived in England a year ago and was a member of Polytechnic Harriers. He represented Germany in the European Championships at Belgrade last September, where he won a gold medal in the 4×400 metres relay.

In the women's match, the highlight will probably be the third meeting between Dorothy Hyman and Germany's Jutta Heine. They have each won a race.

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